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Dear Ms Yuen,

Panel on Transport
Follow-up action on Central Kowloon Route (CKR)

As requested by Hon Albert Chan Wai-yip at the meeting on 24 November 2006, we attach supplementary information on the estimated prices of the original alignment and dual two-lane configuration for CKR as well as the revised alignment and dual three-lane configuration for CKR.

Grateful if you could distribute the information to Members.

Yours Sincerely,

(Miss Trinky Chan)
for Secretary for the Environment,
Transport and Works

582TH - Central Kowloon Route – Consultants’ Design Fees and Site Investigations

Supplementary Information

The estimated cost for the review (including investigation, impact assessments and preliminary design), detailed design and site investigation for Central Kowloon Route (CKR) in its original alignment and dual two-lane configuration (the original scheme) was \$99.0 million in money-of-the-day (MOD) prices. The estimated cost for these pre-construction works for CKR in its revised alignment and dual three-lane configuration (the revised scheme) is \$166.5 million in MOD prices.

The breakdown of the estimates (in MOD prices) for the revised and original schemes is set out in the table below. The estimated pre-construction cost for using an immersed tube tunnel, which has been included in the estimate for the revised scheme, is also provided.

	Estimate for the original scheme (1) (\$ million)	Estimate for the revised scheme (2) (\$ million)	Difference in estimate between the revised and original schemes (2)-(1) (\$ million)	Estimated cost due to use of immersed tube tunnel (\$ million)
(a) Consultants’ fees	67.3	94.6	27.3	9.7
(i) Review (including investigation, impact assessments and preliminary design)	34.0 ¹	33.1	-0.9	3.0
(ii) Detailed design	27.4	50.6	23.2	5.6
(iii) Preparation of tender document	2.6	4.9	2.3	0.4
(iv) Supervision of site investigations	3.3	6.0	2.7	0.7
(b) Site investigations	27.5	59.5	32.0	4.5
(c) Contingencies	4.2	12.4	8.2	-
Total	99.0	166.5	67.5	14.2

¹ It includes the cost on studies on the alignment options for CKR.